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FOUR SQUARE WORLD

# ADVANCE





## THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTED LIFE

*"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead"* (Philippians 3:10-11).

The Greek word "dunamin" is the same as that which appears in Acts 1:8 when Jesus said "...ye shall receive power..." It is also the same power spoken of in Acts 4:33, "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." Much has been written and spoken concerning the dynamic of the Early Church. I would like you to look carefully at the message the early Christians delivered and its tremendous results. May we rediscover what they emphasized at the beginning of the Church in order that we may produce the same kind of results. We need to rediscover the central truth of the power of the resurrection and the resurrected life.

The results of the power of a resurrected life are seen throughout the Scriptures. I would like to give you five results: (1) It is the foundation of faith. "Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God" (1 Pet. 1:21). The foundation of faith is a living, resurrected Saviour; (2) It

results in the new birth. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9). We do not preach or teach reformation. Our followers might complete every requirement and still be lost. We teach and preach that confession of Jesus Christ as risen Lord results in the positive statement, "...thou shalt be saved..."; (3) It is here, only, that justification is made possible. Romans 4:25 states that Christ "...was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." The resurrection brings us to the position of "just as if I never sinned". Not a pardoned criminal, but a declared, adopted son; (4) It results in the eternal priesthood of Christ our Lord. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25). If we look to Heaven, as Stephen did, we will see Him seated on the right hand of the Father making intercession for us; (5) It results in a guarantee that believers shall know resurrection life. I Thessalonians 4:14 states, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Christ will God bring with him." Resurrection life is guaranteed by the open tomb and by the living Saviour. ④

John Holland

Dedication services for the new and beautiful Foursquare Church of **Des Moines, Ia.** were conducted with Supervisor, L. T. Charter as guest speaker. Rev. C. Elvin Swanson pastors the Des Moines Foursquare Church.

Fifty years of ministry were recently celebrated by the congregation of the **Florence Avenue, Ca.** Foursquare Church. An Anniversary Service was held on Feb. 15, 1976 to commemorate this event. The **Riverside, Ca.** Foursquare Church celebrated 50 years of ministry in the fall of 1975. These anniversaries bring to a total of four Foursquare Churches which have celebrated 50 years of ministry. The **Pomona and Santa Ana, Ca.** Foursquare Churches are included in this number.

**Pastor's Day** for the Southwest and Southern California Districts at LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles was held on March 15, 1976. **College Day** on the same campus was held on March 26.

Executive Director, Don McGregor, reports of **Missions Evangelism Conferences** held on the LIFE Campus in Los Angeles. The first, conducted March 11 and 12 included Dr. N. M. Van Cleave and Dr. John Amstutz as speakers. The April 8 and 9 conference had as its guest speaker, Jim Montgomery, author of the book, *New Testament Fire in the Philippines*.

A Note Burning Service was held recently by the **Lafayette, Ind.**

Foursquare Church which symbolized the clearing of all indebtedness on the church loan.

## WILLS AND YOUR ESTATE

Everyone should have a WILL, but there are other ways of ESTATE PLANNING that save time and money and allow your gift to accomplish more. The Foursquare Stewardship and Estate Planning Department is prepared to offer you valuable services. Contact Mr. Charles Perry, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. if you are interested in writing a Will, Life Estate or Trust Plans.

## PRESENT WITH THE LORD:

Irvin S. Helton, Nancy Hollis, Joseph W. Latiolait, Annie Lou May.

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# INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY

## COMMUNITY CONCERN:

### Lunch Time Evangelism

While some may feel the street meeting in a metropolitan center is only for by-gone days, Reverend Hubert Mitchell and Dr. Paul E. Jones, Southern California District Supervisor, haven't heard this, or at least haven't harkened to this negative call.

With a written permit from the city for a weekly gathering, in the summer of 1974 these two men began a Thursday noon street meeting in famed Pershing Square, directly across from the Biltmore Hotel, in downtown Los Angeles, California.

"We minister to a moving crowd as well as those who sit under the trees, lie on the grass, or just stand, listening to the music and message."

Trying to dress-up the old street meeting concept, these hour-long services include short open-heart testimonies, mingled with taped music and sing-along times before the brief, but always evangelistic message.

Whole clusters of office people, attorneys, airline executives, salesmen, shoppers and engineers, promenade this square during the noon hour. The simple, forthright message and testimonies speak to an estimated thousand people within the hour.

"Practically every Thursday people indicate their desire to receive Christ. One man knelt right by our amplifier one day. We talked and prayed with him, and found he was Russian. As God planned it, that day our speaker was a man who also spoke Russian, and he led this man to Christ in his own language."

Says Reverend Mitchell, "It's an 'arena' ministry. We plant, water and do not always see the increase, but we trust the Spirit and the Word."

### Scholarship Fund

A memorial scholarship fund is being established in honor of the ministry of Annie Lou May who passed away January 21, 1976. This fund will be used to assist students attending LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles, California

## CHURCH NEWS:

### Ministers Honored on Retirement

A lovely Appreciation Banquet was held on the occasion of the retirement from active pastoral ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Lindsay Flowers, who served as pastors of the New Castle, Indiana Foursquare Church for the past 26 years.

Guest speaker for the banquet was Dr. Harold Helms of Decatur, Ill. with General Supervisor and Mrs. M. E. Nicholls, special guests. A tribute to Rev. and Mrs. Flowers' ministry was given by District Supervisor, L.T. Charter and Indiana Divisional Superintendent, B. L. Howse. Gifts were presented by the Indiana Division and the New Castle Church. Rev. and Mrs. Flowers will continue as Pastors Emeritus with Rev. and Mrs. Joe Babcock serving as the new pastors.



### Growing Congregation to Relocate

The First Foursquare Church of Concord, N. C. has recently purchased 6.3 acres of land within a mile of their present location on American Ave. for the eventual relocation and future expansion of their fast growing congregation. The new property will provide ample space for buildings as well as parking areas. It is directly across from the new Concord High School and in a new and growing section of the city, according to the pastor, Rev. C. A. Cauble.



## YOUTH:

### All American Band—Hall of Fame

Active Crusader youth, Tammy Rudolph, of the Muscatine, Iowa Foursquare Church, was recently awarded All American status and honors by the Purdue University Band for outstanding musical dedication and service. Tammy was presented with a lovely plaque at the Winter Band Concert of the Rockridge High School of Edgington, Ill.



Family Honor Roll

Recently named a semifinalist in the 1976 National Merit Scholarship Program, Phillip Dilts, senior at Fredricktown, Ohio High School and senior class vice-president, carries on a family tradition. Phillip's older brother, Ralph, and sister, Glenda, were both honored in this program in recent years. Phillip is only one step away from becoming a finalist in the competition as attained by his older brother and sister. He is now in competition for the rating National Merit "finalist" which would entitle him to one of the 1,000 National Merit Scholarships worth \$1,000.

Phillip, along with his family, attends church at the Erickson Memorial Chapel of Mount Vernon Bible College.

## PEACE BE STILL

When the storms of life are raging  
And the billows 'round me roll,  
When to even pray seems useless  
And I'm desperate in my soul—  
Then I cry out, "Lord, where are you?  
Have You, too, forsaken me?  
Or could this be Your plan,  
The way you wanted it to be?"

Then He answers, "Yea, my child.  
It is all within my will.  
If there be no troubled waters  
There can be no 'Peace... be still.'"

Viola K. McGregor





(Left to right) Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Nicholls announcing recipients of 25 Year Awards; Dr. McPherson offering prayer for new missionary and missionary assist appointees; Ordination of ministers at Ordination Service.

"We Hold These Truths" was the theme of our 1976 International Foursquare Convention and was so delightfully developed through sermon, song, illustration and future projection. While the Bicentennial celebration of our country had a large part in decor and pageantry, it was by no means a patriotic convention alone, for the theme also gave us a great deal of doctrinal connotation.

We believe that we have been entrusted with the most precious of all precious truths, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not only are we grateful for the truths of the Bible which we hold, but we are grateful for our great country which has been the springboard for generations in sending the Gospel around the world.

We, of the Foursquare Gospel, have accepted the challenge of not only "holding the Truth", but also of declaring and sharing it through the Great Commission.

Reports for 1975 electrified our convention body when it was announced that 211,732 converts, 32,417 water baptisms, 27,596 Holy Spirit baptisms and 31,965 new members were recorded. In addition to the spiritual and numerical report, we rejoiced in a total missionary giving of \$1,539,304.91 to Foursquare World Missions and \$1,032,175.20 to the Foursquare District Extension Tithe Fund, both of which are new highs. It was reported that the District Extension Tithe program alone has increased 205.38% since 1965.

Because of God's blessing upon our people, and in turn their generosity and faithfulness to Him in their finances, it was announced that the Missionary Cabinet and Board of Directors are able to project the following:

- (1) Immediate help to foreign missions for property procurement,
- (2) Home Missions allotments doubled this year for use in new development programs,
- (3) A fund for headquarters development,

- (4) Financial assistance to the three Bible Colleges (LIFE, Mount Vernon Bible College, and Canadian LIFE).

The Corporate Session approved five resolutions brought by the Resolutions Committee.

- (1) To **President Gerald R. Ford** as follows:

We, the ministers and delegates of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, convening for our 53rd annual convention in Los Angeles, California, wish to express our appreciation for your leadership.

As our great nation celebrates its 200th birthday, we gratefully acknowledge that Almighty God has inspired the founding of our government on Biblical principles set forth in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Mr. President, we are confident of your concern for the safeguarding of the freedoms that have made us great. We commend your efforts to restore confidence in the elected offices of our land and your dedication to sustaining the moral fiber of our people. This convention body wishes to express at this historic time, urgent concern that the elected offices of our government provide personal leadership and official support of individual freedoms and moral purity throughout the world.

We use this occasion to express confidence in our form of government and your commitment to its continued strength. We recognize this year as a time of national prayer emphasis and are cooperating with churches throughout the United States in this special emphasis. We pledge allegiance to our nation and offer prayers and our support to its leadership.

- (2) To **Kathryn Kuhlman** assuring her of our love, appreciation for her ministry and prayers. (Her promotion took place later that week.)
- (3 & 4) To the **President of Guatemala** and the **President of the National Board of Churches of the Foursquare Gospel of Guatemala**, giving assurance of our prayers and our pledge to assist with contribution of funds and supplies in helping to alleviate current human suffering, reconstruction of buildings and rehabilitation of the people.
- (5) A resolution was adopted expressing appreciation for **Dr. H. Allan Hamilton** and his faithful service as a member of the Missionary Cabinet for the two consecutive terms, total of six years, allowable by the Bylaws.

By Rolf K. McPherson,  
President

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(Left to right) 1976 Missionary Cabinet; Dr. N. M. Van Cleave, session leader and speaker; LIFE Bible College Choir ministering at Alumni Breakfast.

The Corporate Sessions also expressed their confidence in Mr. George Corsello by electing him for a second term of two years to the Board of Directors. Rev. Jerry Cook was elected for a three-year term to the Missionary Cabinet.

To further assist with our desire of "sharing these truths", the following missionaries were appointed on Missionary night: Michael and Susan Weilein to Honduras and Harold and Sandra Jones to the Philippines. Five Missionary Assistants were named: Laurie Aldrich, Marna Miller, Cathy Geesaman, Betty Ewens and Charlotte Fowler.

Our guest speaker for Missionary night was Rev. Sigelfredo Silva, President of the National Board of the Foursquare Churches of Colombia and pastor of the large Foursquare Church of Barranquilla.

Other guest speakers were: Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie, pastor, Hollywood Presbyterian Church and Miss Sandra Sheskin who works at the State Department, Washington, D.C. Her message, "Our Heritage in the National Emblem" along with her testimony as a completed Jew gave the Youth Rally exciting insights into the heritage of the national emblem.

The convention was challenged repeatedly by our guests and by our own strong staff of Foursquare ministers as well as by the excellent choirs and other choral groups to believe and practice the admonition of II Chronicles 7:14.

Along with God's blessings upon the services, we enjoyed similar outpourings in the midst of our fellowship gatherings such as the luncheons for the Council of Foursquare Men, United Foursquare Women as well as the LIFE and Mount Vernon Bible College Alumni gatherings.

Sixty-three ministers were ordained in the Sunday afternoon service following the sermon by Dr. Howard P. Courtney, "We Hold These Truths—Declare Them". Convention Chairman Dr. M. E. Nicholls concluded the conven-

tion with his message "The Church Triumphant". His message was preceded by the presentation of twenty-five year awards to ministers qualifying for this award. He reported 1,144 registered ministers and delegates to the convention.

Mrs. McPherson and I wish to thank the Convention ministers and delegates for their warm and ready response to our future needs and their recommendation to the Board of Directors that financial provision be made for our ultimate retirement. In the intervening years it will give us freedom to move more objectively, arrange for the transfer of duties and proper restructuring of our offices. We are indeed grateful.

Future conventions are scheduled as follows:

May 25 - 31, 1977 - Portland, Oregon. Chairman: H. Allan Hamilton.

February 22 - 28, 1978 - Angelus Temple.

Plans are also underway for a proposed Western Hemisphere Conference in South America in 1978.

### Canadian Brethren Extend Bicentennial Greetings

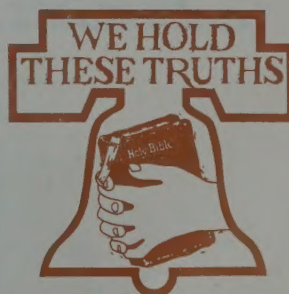
Your Canadian brothers and sisters in this Commonwealth of Christ extend to our Foursquare family in the United States a sincere desire that God would grant you an abundant experience of spiritual revitalization in the year of your Bicentennial celebration.

We, as ministers and delegates from Canada, have been moved by your sincere devotion to your nation and heritage. Our prayer for you is that a large measure of God's strength will be yours as you shoulder the burden of freedom.

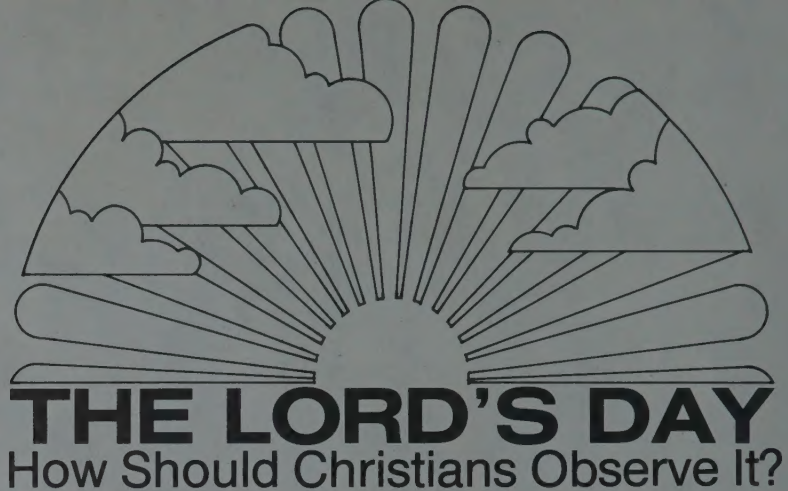
We would remind you that your future is as bright as the promises of God!

*Sincerely in Jesus,  
Your Foursquare Brothers and Sisters  
in Canada.*

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# THE LORD'S DAY

## How Should Christians Observe It?

### FORUM:

#### **Kurtz:**

"I, for my own choice,

have peace observing His day on the first day of the week, which is Sunday because:

(1) Christ and His resurrection is the redemptive note of this generation and each time we meet on this day, which commemorates His resurrection, it proclaims again, "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). The Son of man, Jesus, becomes Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28).

(2) Today our Lord takes the laws written on tablets of stone, and by His Spirit, etches them upon the hearts of believers (Romans 2:14, 15). Strange as it may seem, while nine of those moral commandments remain heavy on the consciences of His followers, when it comes to the Sabbath, His day, a majority obey, with conviction, as the apostles and the Early Church, the observance of the first day.

(3) God's blessing has certainly been on the first day, for Christ has built an anointed, witnessing Church, whose greatest score of converts has been wooed by the Holy Spirit to Christ on the Lord's Day, myself included.

The Gospel of Mark, chapter two, points up the incident of Christ's disciples picking the ears of corn to satisfy their need (hunger) on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, our Lord's condemners, said to Him, "...Why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?" (vs.24). They insisted on making it a legal issue, a matter of law. Jesus in His reply, faced the morality that was involved--human need and suffering (vs. 25,26). "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil?"

In six days God accomplished creation. On the seventh day He rested (Gen. 2:2). He desisted from His work and blessed or sanctified (set apart) the seventh day (Gen. 2:3). Our Lord's Day (day of honor to Him) should be designed after His wisdom.

There is no rest for the person who must

continue his daily pursuit of living on Sunday. Those who carelessly shop or unnecessarily demand services on Sunday, deprive those persons of needed rest. If businessmen were not greedy, they could cooperate to keep needful services at a minimum rather than competitive as it is in today's society.

Sunday, in its proper observance, is also a wonderful opportunity to strengthen family ties. It is a day when all members of the family are free to be together. They can worship together, eat together, play and relax together. These are great opportunities to cement together family relations. Pity the father or mother who uses Sunday to escape the family unit.

The Lord's Day is God's gift to us. We must acknowledge it to be from Him. His purpose is that we use it for His glory as we worship and as we receive from it rest and refreshing for body, mind and spirit.

#### **Greenfield:**

"In the Bible I notice

several things. First, Christ healed those who were sick on the Sabbath. By doing this, He took a position against the bulk of corrupt legalism that surrounded the Sabbath. As far as the Pharisees were concerned, the Sabbath had become more important than any individual's needs. Christ spoke out against this.

Secondly, nowhere in the New Testament is keeping the Sabbath stressed. It is the only commandment which is not reaffirmed by Christ. Nor is it preached by any other apostles.

Thirdly, Christ sums up all the law in two sentences: (1) Love the Lord with all your heart; (2) Love your neighbor as yourself (Matt. 22:37-40). Although the other nine commandments readily "fit into" those two statements and their importance understood the Sabbath remains an enigma. One questions why the Sabbath day law was given if it is not relevant to the controlling purpose of the com-



Eugene Kurtz—Pastor,  
Amherst, Ohio Foursquare  
Church.



Patricia Greenfield, Eagle  
Rock, Calif. Christian  
Assembly Foursquare Church.



mandments as stated by Christ. I understand why that law was written. The key to my understanding is in Deuteronomy 5:15. Israel is told that they are to keep the Sabbath day so that they will remember the mighty works God has done for them. God knew how easily unregenerate man forgets His blessings, so He gave this law to enforce remembrance of Himself. However, the believer's attitude is different. He is so in love with God that he remembers the Lord every day. God's people live as if every day were the Sabbath. Their minds are on God and pleasing Him is their main purpose in life.

On the other hand, there are some practical reasons for this commandment. The Lord knows that we cannot work continually without rest. If we try to do this, we ruin our health and our emotional well-being. For this reason, also, He commanded one day of rest a week. But this can be planned at an individual's discretion instead of being arbitrary, as long as the individual realizes the importance of appropriate rest.

Regarding the question of Sunday work, this has been a question I've often wrestled with, since my nursing profession demands that I work a certain amount of Sundays. It seems to me that whenever possible, the Christian should obtain a job with Sundays free for church worship. However, one must support himself and dependents. Scripture repeatedly expresses God's disapproval of those who do not work. Thus, one senses that providing for one's own needs is more important than the esteem of a given day.

There are certain areas, though, that would still necessitate working Sundays. One of these is the medical field. People are sick every day and they have needs. As a nurse, I cannot refuse to work Sunday and rob patients of the health care they require. My attitude must be like Christ's—people's needs are more important than the holiness of any day.

Although I may not be able to attend both Sunday services, there is no reason why I cannot be in at least one service. I must guard against becoming lazy and missing Sunday church because I have to work on Sunday.

There are the usual ministries available on Sunday for the lay person — teaching a class, going to the convalescent home and other outreach ministries. More important, however, is the personal contact with someone else which says, "I care about you and your needs. I don't have much to give, but I want to be of help to you."

I firmly believe we need to continue to regard Sunday as "separate" lest we become like Israel and forget to remember the Lord and His blessings. [4]

## Sunday Afternoon in Jail



(Left to right) Maria Maher, Gary and Judy Carnie find "harvest field" in local jail.

The Sunday afternoon jail ministry of the El Paso, Texas Foursquare Church began in 1973 when a young man went to visit a friend who was in jail.

Gary Carnie, upon seeing the needs of those incarcerated, began visiting the sick prisoners who were placed in one of the local hospitals. This developed into visits and interviews conducted on a one-to-one basis. The jailor then allowed Gary to meet with a few at a time in a room set aside for interviewing purposes. When this room proved inadequate, the hall and later a shower room was used. Recently, one of the lieutenants saw what was happening and allowed him the use of a large room in which the trustees are taught cooking and baking.

The services are now attended by approximately 50 to 60 men. In a recent two-week period, 25 have accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Also, many have been filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and some healed. Well over 200 Bibles and New Testaments have been given to the men.

When Mrs. Carnie saw what was happening among the men, she felt a need to help the women prisoners. Judy enlisted others to help and together they began services for the women. However, they do not make use of a room, but go from tank to tank witnessing about Christ.

Usually there are between 40 and 50 women and over 400 men in the jail. Several young people are now assisting Gary and Judy Carnie in this Sunday afternoon jail ministry. Some from the local Teen Challenge participate as well. [4]

**"Within two weeks 25 prisoners had invited Jesus into their lives."**





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## Study to shake your surroundings

Today, God is calling many young people to a place of ministry. They are assuming responsibility and places of leadership within the body of Christ and are literally causing the world around them to be shaken.

## Be a winner in your world

If you feel God is calling you to enter into a deeper relationship with Him and become more involved in ministering to the world around you, FYLC will be of benefit to you. Start preparing now—mentally, spiritually and financially—to be a part of this life-changing experience.

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Many have been satisfied with the belief that someday they will get an opportunity to give direction to their world.  
Others have demanded that opportunity now, with or without the knowledge it takes to carry out their desires.



## Just born—the first FYLC

June 14-18, 1976 will be a week which gives new direction and purpose to your relationship with Christ.

The summer of '76 will offer a unique opportunity for Foursquare youth—ages 15-24—to train and plan for immediate action. The first-ever Foursquare Youth Leadership Congress (FYLC) will be an important summit meeting of leading young people, adult advisors, pastors and youth ministers from all over the United States and Canada.

## 2 Begin exercising at home

Delegates will learn practical ways to begin exercising Christian leadership in their homes, schools, communities and churches, now. In depth training seminars and strategy sessions will give voice to the ideas, hopes and dreams of young people for their ministry in today's world.





First in a series of reports from Denominational Profile Survey

## OUR GREATEST NEED

What are the priority needs of our Foursquare Church people? In order to discover these, the Department of Christian Education, in cooperation with the Church Growth and Evangelism Commission, conducted a survey in a number of churches. With this information available, we are now much better able to make long-range plans to try and meet these needs.

A computer organized the survey results into a two-part profile report: 1) a tabulation of the data according to the sex, age and leadership position of the individual, the type of church surveyed, and 2) a summary of needs based on this data. To be defined as a "need", an area of concern had to meet three criteria: 1) church leaders recognized it as a goal for the church; 2) leaders gave it a relatively high priority; 3) for at least 25% of those surveyed, the goal was not being met.

The needs identified can, for the most part, be classified under one of the following: per-

sonal evangelism, Bible study, fellowship, church organization, doctrine, family relations, concern for others, Sunday School programming, youth programming, or worship service programming. In this article, we can only touch the first, and apparently, the greatest need: **Personal evangelism.** Other needs will be covered in later articles.

### PERSONAL EVANGELISM

According to survey results, personal evangelism is clearly a goal of the leaders and members of our Foursquare Churches, and although they give it a high priority, most of us are not practicing it.

The survey included twelve questions on personal evangelism. Six of these questions (see accompanying box) attempted to discover:

**Should everyone in Foursquare fellowship be engaged in personal evangelism?**

The question has been debated, some arguing that only certain Christians have a gift of personal evangelism (Eph. 4:11) and others contending that all Christians have been instructed to spread the Good News (Matt. 10:32, Rom. 10:9-14). When we ask: "Do you have a responsibility as a Christian to tell non-Christians about your faith in Jesus Christ," about 97.5% of those surveyed answered "yes". Almost every active member is under the conviction that he should be engaged in personal evangelism. While they may not be certain that others should be witnessing, they have no doubts that they should.

**How many are already engaged in personal evangelism?**

When asked how much time they spent in witnessing, 50% said they communicate their faith to non-Christians once a week. The lay leadership agreed that 97% should witness once a week.

**How effective is our personal witnessing?**

This is a difficult question, for in one area a person may lead fifty people a month to the Lord, while in a more difficult area, another may witness just as zealously and see no one come to Christ. Yet, generally, those who witness regularly see people come to Christ. About 33% of those surveyed reported at least one person received Christ in the last twelve months, but 54.4% reported none.

**Do we really want to be involved?**

I think the 78.5% who said "definitely yes" and the additional 18.6% who said "probably yes", clearly indicates that our Foursquare believers want to witness of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Notice that only 14.7% felt that they were unprepared to witness; 84% are prospective candidates to be trained.

*Another Denominational Profile Survey report will appear in the May issue of the ADVANCE.*

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#### NUMBER 1

Do you have a responsibility as a Christian to tell non-Christians about your faith in Jesus Christ?

	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No
Leadership's Goal	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Denominational Response	90.4%	7.1%	1.6%	.9%

#### NUMBER 2

How often do you usually tell non-Christians about your faith in Jesus Christ?

	Once a Day	Once a Week	Once a Month	Less
Leadership's Goal	76.7%	20.5%	1.4%	1.4%
Denominational Response	10.8%	39.3%	27.6%	22.3%

#### NUMBER 3

How many people in the past 12 months have become Christians after you told them about your faith in Jesus Christ?

	10 or More People	4 - 9 People	1 - 3 People	None
Leadership's Goal	72.8%	13.6%	6.8%	6.8%
Denominational Response	5.0%	7.7%	32.8%	54.4%

#### NUMBER 4

Do you want to tell non-Christians about your faith in Jesus Christ?

	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No
Leadership's Goal	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Denominational Response	78.5%	18.6%	2.1%	.8%

#### NUMBER 5

How prepared are you to tell non-Christians about your faith in Jesus Christ?

	Very Prepared	Somewhat Prepared	Somewhat Unprepared	Very Unprepared
Leadership's Goal	91.2%	7.5%	.7%	.7%
Denominational Response	34.7%	50.6%	11.0%	3.7%

#### NUMBER 6

Would you like to attend a training program in telling non-Christians about faith in Jesus Christ?

	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No
No Leadership Goal				
Denominational Response	51.0%	33.0%	12.9%	3.2%

**Foursquare members sound off in a recent in-depth survey.**



# PEOPLE:

The story is told of an old Indian who, responding to an altar call in a service, stepped forward and presented his bow and arrow to the Lord. The presiding minister pointed out to the Indian that God did not want Indian's bow and arrow, God wanted Indian.

The truth of this story is what caused the late Reverend Flay Walker and his wife, Nadine, to leave 28 years of pastoral ministry to embark on a new ministry—that of reaching the North American Indians for Christ, because "God wants Indian."

After serving as pastor in the Foursquare Churches of Ojai, Ca., Corvallis, Or., Emmett, Id., and West Seattle and Vancouver, Wa., Reverend Walker was impressed with the extreme neglect of the reservation Indian. Compelled by the love of God, his ministry to the North American Indians was launched at Easter time of 1970.

Reverend Walker worked among the Crow Indians in Montana, the Macaw Indians in Washington, and the Carrier Indians in British Columbia, Canada, with the primary objective of assisting and training Christian Indians to reach their own people. Thus, a monthly cassette-tape study ministry was carried on to assist in this training.

Indian leadership was utilized to carry on evangelistic endeavors such as Vacation Bible Schools conducted on many reservations each summer, the monthly showing of a religious film on three reservations and a video-tape ministry to children and adults. His Indian Outreach ministry underwrote half the cost of a weekly Sunday radio broadcast conducted by an Indian minister in the native language, and the distribution of New Testaments to ten reservations in behalf of World Home Bible League.

Sowing the seed of the Gospel was only one arm of Reverend Walker's ministry. Indian Outreach engaged in practical ministry by financial help and church construction for Indian works. The purchase of tents, chairs, radio equipment, recorders and the cost of repairs were engaged in. Indian Outreach also contributed to the support of pastors, youth

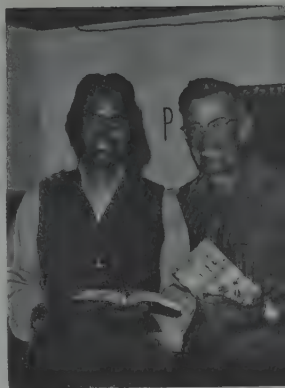
ministers and evangelists as well as assisting in financial support of Indian camp meetings each year.

In Reverend Walker's practical ministry to the Indians he did not forget the admonition of the Apostle James who wrote, "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (James 2:15, 16). This admonition caused Indian Outreach to distribute several tons of clothing and bedding each year, along with candy, toys and gifts to needy Indians. Church groups, individuals and a Northwest business concern assisted him in supplying these needed articles and gifts.

The late Reverend Walker served as President of North American Indian Outreach with headquarters in Vancouver, Washington. He was assisted by a wonderful staff of workers and officers. During the summer months God would send workers, many of them youth, from various churches to assist in the summer ministries. The Indian Outreach headquarters includes a print shop which prints a quarterly newsletter. A headquarters mission station is maintained among the Carrier Indians on five acres in the northern interior of British Columbia. This station consists of two cabins and all the equipment needed to survive the Canadian bush country.

Last October, after five and a half years of ministry in this needy field, God saw fit to call this Foursquare minister home to his heavenly reward. It was in God's plan for Reverend Walker to do the foundation work, with someone else to build on this foundation. Mrs. Walker reports that God has already raised up a minister to carry on the work.

Prior to Brother Walker's sudden passing, he was able to see fruit of his hard labor among the Carrier Indians with several wonderfully saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The first Indian to accept Christ under Reverend Walker's ministry completed his Bible School training in Vancouver, B.C., Canada this past year. [4]



Rev. Walker and Indian convert.

## A Tribute to Flay Walker, Sure-Footed Guide of the North American Indian



"Cabin to Cabin" evangelism.



**DATELINE: Latin America**

**Guatemala**—On February 4 at 3 a.m. a **major earthquake** hit this country causing extensive devastation throughout the land. Guatemala City, where the headquarters for our Foursquare work in this country is located, suffered extensive damage. Missionaries Irvin and Florence Espeseth report that great sections of the capital lie **in ruins** with the streets full of rubble. In other parts of Guatemala entire towns are completely leveled. Each day the **total number of dead** rises as excavation continues and bodies are discovered buried in the rubble. Also, **succeeding tremors** have resulted in added damage to homes and buildings with the death total continuing to mount.

To date, a total of **nine** Foursquare Churches have been destroyed, **four** parsonages and **two** other buildings used for Sunday Schools. Missionary Espeseth reports the **central church** in Guatemala City was not severely damaged and stands firmly. In **Santa Cruz Balaya**, where we have a church, the pastor's house fell down on him and his family with the roof coming within six inches of their heads. They were able to work themselves out. The pastor's wife in San Luisito **was killed**. To the missionaries' knowledge, **seven** of our Foursquare people **died** in the quake. Our brethren in Guatemala are feeling a great loss that cannot help but cause a tremendous **sorrow**. As the

Bible states, they "weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:15). When Missionary Espeseth reached one of the homes of our national pastors, he found the entire family **in shock** sitting on the rubble that was once their home. They were not able to think to begin to clean up or try to salvage anything.

Groups have been organized to assist these who have lost their homes, in **cleaning up** the debris and **salvaging** any materials that can be used for reconstruction. These groups, headed by our missionaries, are taking along **food** to distribute as well as **gospel tracts** that are readily accepted by people everywhere.

Where Foursquare Churches have been destroyed, pastors are conducting services in the open air with many **backsliders** turning back to God and many **accepting Christ** for the first time. People, everywhere, are living in the streets, some because their homes were destroyed and others because of fear that their homes will fall on them due to the tremors which continue to be felt.

Thousands of dollars have already been sent for reconstruction of churches and relief aid. Our monetary **gift support** is needed as this country endeavors to rebuild the many buildings and homes lost in this great catastrophe. Our **prayer support** for the bereaved is coveted and for the spiritual awakening that is taking place.

**Colombia**—Average Sunday School **attendance** in the Baranquilla Church has increased to the place where they are unable to accommodate the people, thus, they are considering **enlarging** for the third time. Decentralizing has been done with seven other fine churches established in the city, but people still continue to fill the central

church. These folk cannot be turned away. The congregation lives for evangelism and missions. They have **built more church buildings** than any other in the history of Colombia—in Maicao on the Venezuelan border last year, and in Fundacion recently. It is no wonder they are blessed of God!

**DATELINE: Asia**

**Japan**—On November 24, 1975, a service was held to **dedicate the new church** and the parsonage in the city of **Hirosaki**. This church was begun by Rev. David Masui as an **extension** of the ministry at Hakodate. Rev. Masui traveled four hours by ferry and then an additional hour by train to Hirosaki every two weeks to meet with a few believers and conduct services. On the weeks that he was not able to go, he sent them a tape of the Sunday morning service in Hakodate so that regular weekly worship could continue in that city. As the number of believers increased, they asked for a **pastor**. In the summer of 1971, Rev. and Mrs. Mike Kamiya were sent as the first pastors. They continued to meet in a home for only a short while. Finally a **building was rented** which could serve as housing for the Kamiyas and a sanctuary for the church services on the lower level. These facilities were utilized for several years. In the early part of 1974, Rev. and Mrs. Muratsubaki were sent to Sapporo to engage in pioneer evangelism. Rev. Muratsubaki immediately took hold of the work, so that within a year the people were believing God for a way to both **purchase land** and build their own church.

The congregation **sacrificially gave** of such personal items as stamp and coin collections and special savings accounts, with several members taking a mortgage on their homes so that a loan

Bottom: Missionary Irvin Espeseth among ruins of a Foursquare Church in Guatemala. Below: Foursquare Guatemalan Pastor points to walls of demolished home.





could be obtained from the bank sufficient to buy the property and construct a building. The Japanese brethren are **rejoicing** as this is the first building to be entirely purchased and erected strictly with Japanese funds. For the dedication service people gathered from all over Japan.

There is nothing that so inspires a missionary burden than to see a mother church's plan of extension develop from a home meeting to an **indigenous group**, and finally to an established church which will in turn help to establish other churches.

**Philippines**—The birth of Norphil Foursquare Bible College, the newest of four such schools of Bible and theological education, is now history. This new school, located in the north end of the archipelago in the city of **Laoag, Ilocos Norte**, is like a shining gem stone which projects the vision of the Foursquare Gospel Church in the Philippines—that of reaching its share of many millions of Ilocano speaking people. Rev. and Mrs. Tom Garley will assist in the Bible training of ministers and workers.

One of the highlights of the 17th Annual Convention of the **East Visayas District** was the **Cadet Night** presentation. In the words of Dr. Vaneda Courtney, "I have never seen anything like this before!"

The presentation started with the Cadets marching in from the front of the church to the platform, and the singing of the National Anthem followed by the pledges to the national, Christian and Foursquare flags.

A skit was presented by the Cadets entitled, "The Candle of the Lord." Missionary Mrs. A.B. Chaves then presented an illustrated story. At least **eight persons** responded to the **altar call** at the conclusion of the story. The service was climaxed with **25 Cadets**

questioned and **promoted** to the next ranks.

#### DATELINE: The Pacific

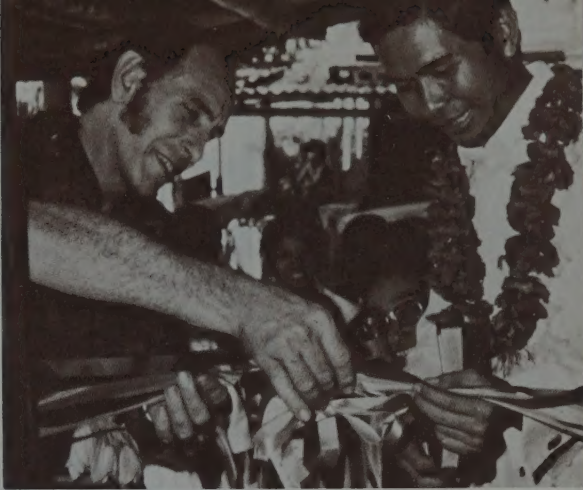
**New Guinea**—An Elder's wife was **very sick**; she did not know what was going on around her as she lay in bed. It was understood that **sorcery** was being worked on her. Everyone prayed for her, believing that Jesus' power is greater than any witch doctor. By that evening she was **completely healed** and her faith in God strengthened.

A young boy of 16, named **Maimai**, was riding in a passenger truck. Suddenly the steering broke on the truck, causing it to go off the road, turn over, and pin Maimai under it. He called out to **Jesus for help**. Only his shoulder bone was broken. Maimai said that had he not called out to Jesus he would have been killed. Praise His wonderful Name!

#### DATELINE: Africa

**South Africa**—Clouds, the size of a man's hand, dot the distant horizon and with the passing of but a few short hours, the rumble of thunder could be heard in the distance. Mud huts are outlined against the darkened day as **lightening strikes** across the sky! The time of summer in this land brings **fear** to the hearts of the Christians and heathen, alike. **Superstition** has long played a leading role in the ways of these people. The heathen believe that in the heavens live the "**Mpundu-lu Bird**" and this is the one that brings the thunder and lightening. It is believed that he flies through the heavens and as the lightning flashes, he swoops to the earth, lays an egg, and another "**Mpundu-lu Bird**" is born.

Each year lightning strikes across this hilly land completely **destroying** mud walled, thatched homes.



Many are killed, yearly, as the lightning strikes. Joslina Mazwane, devout child of God, watched the thunder and lightning as it swept across the valley. Her home lay in the direct path of the **raging storm**. Her one assurance was that God had His hand on her life and all her tomorrows were His. The storm came with **deafening force**; the lightning lit up the surrounding huts for miles away... a mighty rush of wind and rain... the sound of thunder. The lightning **hit** one of the huts she called **home**. Inside, the children of the family were **huddled** together, but fled to safety in a nearby home as fire swept through the hut. Everything was destroyed, but no life was lost. Truly, **God had kept His hand** upon Joslina's life and the lives of her **family**. Her one aim in life is to reach these people with the Gospel. [4]



Top: Missionary Phil Star cuts ribbon at Norphil Foursquare Bible College dedication. Above: Rev. and Mrs. Tom Garley, founders of the Bible College (See story on this page).

#### District Missionary Giving District Jan., Feb. 1976

Angelus Temple	\$26,795.99
Eastern	17,958.83
Eastern Canada	1,425.40
Great Lakes	21,136.27
Midwest	22,616.55
Northwest	28,356.44
South Central	10,847.67
Southeast	9,361.04
So. California	29,279.50
Southwest	31,650.94
Western	19,714.37
Western Canada	10,905.66





Guy P. Duffield

## OPEN YOUR BIBLE:

# Our Declaration of Independence

Two hundred years ago this coming Fourth of July the Declaration of Independence was unanimously passed by the Thirteen United States of America, asserting their freedom from the British Crown and claiming their inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

As those brave men soon found, it was one thing to declare their freedom, but that declaration had to be followed by a willingness to stand and fight for that freedom. Yet, even after the War of Independence had been won and freedom secured, the colonists must learn to experience and enjoy that liberty. The principles of a free government must be formulated and clearly enunciated in the Constitution of the United States. No sooner, however, was this document completed before it was seen that the Bill of Rights must be added so that individual liberty might be guaranteed to each citizen. And, yet, within these United States of America there are multitudes who are not experiencing true liberty for they are bond slaves of their corrupt nature and their sins.

We need a new Declaration of Independence that will set us free from those carnal and sinful forces that made us slaves and keep us in bondage. Jesus said in John 8:34, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." Then He followed this solemn warning with the Christian's great Declaration of Independence: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). There are those who mistakenly think a Christian is in bondage, but if there is one word which characterizes the victorious Christian life it is the word *liberty*. God has called us to liberty. It is the devil's business to enslave; it is Christ's work to set us free. There are varying degrees of liberty. Just as the colonists must stand for their liberty, so every Christian must "Fight the good fight..." and "...lay hold on eternal life..." (I Timothy 6:12). Progress and maturity in the Christian life can be noted by how much liberty we enjoy. Let us notice how the following experiences denote our progress in Christian liberty:

1. *Forgiveness of sin brings liberty.* Sin is bondage. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield

yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16). Jesus came to break the fetters of sin. (Luke 4:18).

2. *Standing in the grace of the Lord brings liberty.* How many times after a person has been set free from the condemnation of sin by the grace of God he is tempted to go back under the legality of the law and endeavor to be made perfect by the works of the flesh! Galatians 5:1 admonishes us: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." And Galatians 5:13 states, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh..."

3. *Faith in the Word of God brings liberty.* Unbelief is bondage. "...Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Faith is liberty: "...All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). The greatest reason for men being in bondage to Satan, sin, sickness, hatred and fear is ignorance. The world foolishly says, "When ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." But this is just an easy way to avoid reality—a trick of the enemy to keep men in bondage. If you know the truth of God's great promises, they will set you free.

4. *Healing by the power of God brings liberty.* Sickness is bondage. "...Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond?..." (Luke 13:16). Not only does sickness and infirmity bring physical bondage, but it brings spiritual bondage as well. Many have testified that when the Lord healed them of their physical malady there came, with the healing, a great spiritual deliverance that was almost more blessed than the bodily freedom. If Jesus "...took our infirmities, and bare our sickness" (Matthew 8:17), then it is our privilege to know this freedom, also.

5. *The Baptism with the Holy Spirit brings liberty.* "...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (II Corinthians 3:17). All who have received this blessed experience, subsequent to salvation, testify to a whole new liberty in their Christian life. There is a new freedom to pray, worship the Lord, to understand His Word and to bear witness to His grace. There is liberty to live the Christian life in its fulness.

And, so, we might go on and on enumerating the details of our glorious liberty in Christ. What each of us needs to do is, by faith in what Christ is and what He has promised in His Word, declare our independence from every force and influence of Satan and sin and affirm that the Son of God has set us free and we are "free indeed." [4]

**Liberty is the most desired characteristic of the victorious Christian life.**



# RAYMOND COX:

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"How could Zechariah 14:2 ever happen?" a puzzled believer questioned. "I can't believe that *all* nations would agree to attack Israel!"

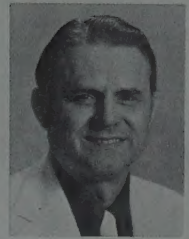
We'd better believe it, for the Bible prophesies such confrontation. God guarantees to "...gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle." Armageddon will not be a showdown of East against West, but of the whole world against the Jews.

Some extremists agitate already for concerted genocide. When I lectured on campus at Eugene's University of Oregon a rabble-rouser monopolized the microphone during the question period and ranted, "The only way to solve the Middle East problem is for all of us to get guns and go to Israel and shoot all the Jews there!" But he was just one man. How could all nations espouse the same carnage?

The United Nations resolution branding Zionism as racism seems a step in that direction. U.N. actions commit at least, technical-

ly, all member nations to the policy voted, even those who opposed that policy and refuse to take part in implementing it. To some degree, now all member nations are included in the anti-Zionist stance. Official world policy brands Zionism as racism! But what is Zionism? Simply the initiative of Jewish people to have a Jewish national homeland. If Zionism is racism, then does it not follow that any nationalism is racism? If Zionism is racism, isn't it racism for the French to have a homeland in France, the Germans to have one in Germany, and the like? And what about the Arabs? Is there any one race that has so many separate national homelands as do Arabs? They have among others, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Saudi-Arabia, Yemen, Kuwait, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan! If it is racism for Jews to want Israel, what is it for other races to want homelands?

Thus, unreasonable antagonisms in the international community are already well on the way to polarizing world-wide dedication to the extinction of the Jewish state. Today it is only talk. In due time there will be military aggression, just as Zechariah 14:2 outlines. What then? Jesus will come as Jerusalem's deliverer! (cf. Zech. 14:4, Rev. 19:16). That's the Revelation, after the Rapture, when Christ returns to earth with His Church! All nations have gathered against Jerusalem. Then all the saints will join Jesus in deliverance! 4



## BOOK BRIEFS:

**A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23**, by Phillip Keller, Zondervan, \$4.95.

From a shepherd's firsthand experience and insight comes this lively devotional book on one of the Bible's best-loved passages. This interesting commentary will lead you to discovery and fulfillment in its special emphasis on the untiring care of the great Shepherd.

**Something More**, by Catherine Marshall, McGraw-Hill, \$6.95.

With rare candor, fresh insight and humor, this Christian explorer writes of her expanding spiritual quest, her joys and her struggles with the problems of life today. An inimitable blend of autobiography, dramatic narrative and Biblical lessons that will guide you to a joyful new life.

**Prodigal Father**, by Colonel Heath Bottomly, Regal, \$6.95.

The amazing story of a "self-made" Air Force "War Lord" Colonel who experienced a life-changing encounter in the middle of the

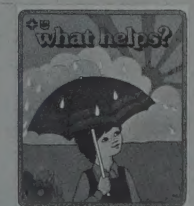
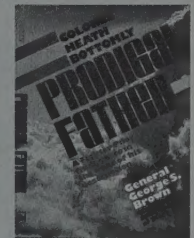
Vietnam war. In answer to the prayers of his eldest son, and faced with a personal disaster, Colonel Bottomly turns his life over to God. An incredible miracle takes place!

**Riddle Rhyme Fun Books**, by Meg Braga, Regal, \$.49 each.

A set of four books, titled, "What Helps?", "What Do You Hear?", "What Is Inside?", and "What Do You See?" is designed for preschool children who are discovering the world around them. In opening a child's eyes to things around him, we open his mind to God. Activity books as well.

**Does the Bible Contradict Itself?**, by W. Arndt, Concordia, \$2.50.

This book deals with those Bible passages often used to show that the Bible disagrees with itself. First in an introduction, the author defines the principle of contradiction and gives examples of its application to apparent discrepancies. The student of God's Word will want this book to gain a greater appreciation of the coherence, unity and divine origin of the Bible.



Fun to Make Book 1







## Plan Now To Attend Summer Camp

*God's Spirit will be moving at a camp in your area.*

Young and old alike enjoy the break in routine offered by the camping programs sponsored by the ten districts of Foursquare Churches. Over 15,000 attended one of the 117 camps conducted last summer. These camps resulted in 1,200 new converts and over 1,500 Holy Spirit baptisms. Summer camps provide a blend of . . .

★ FELLOWSHIP

★ TRAINING

★ MINISTRY

★ OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN FAITH

Special camps are held for each age group and in a location near you. The following number of camps will be conducted this year by the respective districts:

### Eastern District

- 2 - Cadet (July 19-23; Aug. 1-6)
- 1 - Jr. High (Aug. 8-13)
- 1 - High School (July 25-30)
- 1 - Camp Meeting (July 4-9)

### Great Lakes District

- 5 - Cadet (June 7-12, 14-19, 21-26; July 5-10, 12-17)
- 1 - Jr. High (Aug. 2-7)
- 2 - High School (June 21-26; Aug. 9-14)

### Midwest District

- 4 - Cadet (June 7-12, 21-26; July 5-10, 26-31)
- 2 - Jr. High (July 12-17; Aug. 2-7)
- 2 - High School (July 14-21; Aug. 7-14)

### Northwest District

- 2 - Cadet (July 19-24, 26-31)
- 1 - Jr. High (July 31-Aug. 7)
- 2 - High School (Aug. 7-14, 14-21)
- 2 - Adult (May 28-31; Sept. 3-6)

### South Central District

- 3 - Family Camp (all ages) (July 10-17, 17-24, 24-31)

### Southeast District

- 4 - Family Camp (all ages) (July 3-10, 10-17, 17-24, 24-31)

### Southern California District

- 1 - Cadet (June 21-26)
- 1 - Jr. High (June 26-July 3)
- 1 - High School (Aug. 28-Sept. 4)
- 1 - Camp Meeting (Sept. 4-6)

### Southwest District

- 1 - Cadet (Aug. 15-21)
- 1 - Jr. High (July 31-Aug. 6)
- 1 - High School (Aug. 7-14)

### Western District

- 2 - Cadet (July 10-16, 17-23)
- 1 - Jr. High (June 26-July 2)
- 2 - High School (Aug. 14-20, 21-27)
- 1 - Singles (May 28-31)
- 1 - Couples (Sept. 3-6)

### Western Canada

- 1 - Cadet (July 28-Aug. 1)
- 1 - Jr. High (Aug. 11-16)
- 2 - High School (July 21-25; Aug. 16-23)
- 2 - Adult (Aug. 23-24; 25-26)

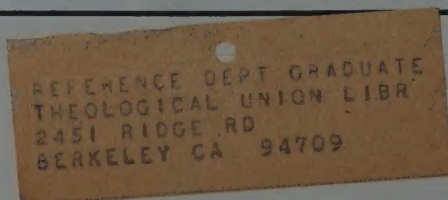
### Foursquare Youth

- 1 - International Leadership Congress (June 14-18)

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